

July 5, 1940

Miss Frances Brown
Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Frances,

You made my heart glad with your letter and one dollar.
Thank you a thousand times!

I hope some time to be able to return to Alaska and
meet you and my other friends. You may be sure I shall
never forget you.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

cc- Leslie Yaw

ALASKA

Central Washington College
Ellensburg, Wash.
January 14, 1941

Dear Dr. King.

We certainly were an excited couple when you called up and said you'd be here. By the way I was in bed with influenza when you called so my roomie answered. We were disappointed when you were unable to come. Miss Adams came over just before Christmas, on her way to Chicago. We certainly enjoyed her visit. Marge and I spent our Christmas vacation in Seattle. We had a very nice time, especially with Paddy Paul - I think you remember him. He goes to the Seattle Pacific College. We also actually ran into three relatives of ours. So we really did have a nice time.

Some time last week I wrote to

Miss Gladfelter about my scholarship loan. I was wondering if they were sending me a check this semester. This is such a complicated matter - I still don't fully understand the details.

I also wrote to Mr. Yaw telling him about my possibilities of applying for a loan from the Office of Indian Affairs. I just simply can't go another year in college without additional financial aid. As it is now - my father helps me a lot. I also have a job, making fifteen a month.

Marge and I are enjoying ourselves here, but we often think of the good old days in S. J. S. We are sincere about it too - because here we're just another member of our 200 freshman class.

Write soon when you have a spare moment.

Sincerely yours
Josephine George

Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska
November, 1940

It is apparent everywhere that while the world is attempting to regulate its moral life from the shifting sands of purely finite standards, Christianity stands supreme in that it speaks authoritatively from the firm ground of infinite standards.

The fourth commandment not only defines man's responsibility to observe the Sabbath rest, but also enjoins man's obligation to see that his neighbor has the same opportunity. In dealing with the extremes of Pharisaism on this point, Jesus, speaking in the spirit of the law, lifts the whole matter of Sabbath observance into the clear light of man's highest good. As Christians we believe that the fourth commandment is as binding upon us as it ever was and that we have no right to use the Sabbath in such a fashion as to rob either ourselves or others of its greatest usefulness.

More specifically, we do not believe in Sunday attendance at moving pictures nor do we believe in any practice that causes others to work needlessly on the Sabbath by buying for our own selfish enjoyment what should be procured on other days.

As members of the staff of Sheldon Jackson School, and therefore of the body of Christian leadership entrusted with the extension of the Gospel of Christ in this place, we do believe in regular attendance at Church services, in the study of the Word of God in the Sunday Church School, and in the program of the Young People's Societies which aims for the nurture of the spiritual life and the preparation and training of a competent Christian ~~life~~ leadership. As a school, both staff and students, we feel that we should stand firm on the principle of keeping God's day holy.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Miss Sidebotham
Mrs. Hatch

(Committee)

(As read in staff meeting Nov. 4, 1940)

January 21, 1941

Miss Josephine George
Central Washington College
Ellensburg, Washington

Dear Josephine:

I note in your letter of January 14 that you need to make application for an additional loan in order to see your way through school. If you are not able to secure the money that is needed, let me know and it may be I can be of some help to you. If you give me the amount, I shall try to find it for you.

I was deeply sorry I could not stop by and say hello to you, but the engagements in Seattle together with the train schedule made it impossible.

Please let me hear from you about your work and how you like your school.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Sheldon Jackson
Student Folder

Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska
Dec. 9 1941

Mr. King:

At last I take my pen to hand to answer your most welcome letter of Dec. 9 1940. When Mrs. Yaw gave it to me I had one of the many big thrills I have had here in S.J.S. I don't know why I didn't answer your letter any sooner. One of my New Year resolutions was to answer letters sooner.

Mr. Soboleff was here during Spiritual Week which began ^{last} Monday and ended on Wednesday. During that period we had services every evening. Mr. Soboleff who was here with his wife from Juneau gave very good speeches. I am sure we all got something out of it.

Last Wednesday our principal went away on the Northland. She certainly has made a special place in our hearts for the work she has done here for us. She has been at work here in S.J.S. for 24 years. A reception was given in her honor about a week before she left. Mr. Yaw and I were wishing that you were there.

On the same road Rev. Soboleff came on and our new principal Miss Withnorse came on. She certainly is the most interesting woman I ever met. We like to listen to her tell about Bible Land. She taught over there about two years. I don't remember if she was here the time you were. If you were I'm glad you knew her.

Our music teacher Miss Klavins also went away. She was from North Dakota. She sure had a beautiful voice. Mrs. Stuart our music teacher of last year is going to take her place. This year we are going to give the Depression again. I'm glad all are here and I went in it last year.

Miss Linhoff our native crafts teacher left us too. She was a graduate from S.J.S. I hope

none of our other teachers have to go away. Here in S. J. S. we like to have our teachers a long time.

M. A. King you should see our new mill. It is a nice looking building. I'm proud of it because some of our own school boys help to build it. It's certainly in a busy place.

Day before yesterday the whole school was invited to the game given by the Navy. There was a lot of laughing in it and singing too.

I am glad you enjoyed your stay in S. J. S. We'd be glad to have you in Sitka any time. When you are here you can stay as long as you wish. When new students come here my favorite subject is ^{about} the time when you were here.

The fellows here band is the most interesting Christian meeting on Sunday. I love the quietness of it. I feel so near to God. I always want to pray but I get so ~~fractured~~ frightened I can't pray. I always pray in my heart though.

One of the most beautiful songs I like is "The Holy City" I hope to sing it in church some day. Last summer a man from Seattle sang it. He put so much expression in it it was beautiful.

To night in church we are going to see a movie the name of it is "The Rise of a Race". Next Sunday we are going to see two others.

May God the Father of all watch over you and your dear friends M. A. King

Yours Sincerely
Florence Strand

February 26, 1941

Miss Florence Grant
Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Miss Grant:

I was glad to receive your letter of February 9th. You did wait a long time about answering my letter but since your letter was filled so full of good news about Sheldon Jackson and about the activities, I suppose I will forgive you this time. You had better start in making good on your New Year's resolution or else the New Year will be Old and your resolution will not have been met. I am glad that you still remember me and my visit. I shall never forget the happy days I spent there at Sitka.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska
June 15, 1940

Dear Dr. King,

Ever since you've been here
I've been thinking of the talks
you gave, especially about the
new Princetown and going up to
Jerusalem.

We are all looking forward
toward its coming.

My friends have been very
kind in sending me money and now
I feel that I have more than I need
and I would like to send this
little bit for the new boat.

I'm from Kenai. Mr. Waggoner
who was my teacher last year
told me about this school. It was
the first time I had heard of it. I
missed one great pleasure that

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other girls and boys had and that was
Traveling on the Princeton, but I'm
very happy to be here and I have had
the pleasure of going to some of the
Conference meetings held here at our
school. I have enjoyed them very
much and I will be looking
forward to some more meetings.

We are all waiting for you
to make another trip up here and
are hoping you'll have a fine trip.

yours truly,

Frances Brown

Ans'.

Dear Frances;

your made my
heart glad with your letter and
one dollar - Thank you a thousand
times -

I hope sometime to
be able to return to Alaska and
meet you and my other friends -
You may be sure I shall never
forget you -

Cordially,

Copy to Leslie you

Sheldon Jackson School,
Sitka, Alaska

Sitka, Alaska,

September 28, 1934

Dear Friends:

"Arriving midnight." This message was received on the morning of September 12th, the day before school opened, from the Princeton, so that night, as scheduled, the good ship arrived on her third trip to Sitka, again completing a splendid piece of cooperation involving the ministers of Presbytery, the Sunday School Missionary Boat and our School. A total of sixty-five students arrived on the three trips.

The new school year started off under a most interesting beginning. The next day after opening happened to be the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska and of the organization of the Presbyterian Church of Sitka. On the afternoon of that day, Friday, September 14th, we were all down on the beach to meet the visiting ministers of Alaska Presbytery. They had come fifty years ago in a dugout canoe but we saw them arrive in a rowboat. They were met officially by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Rev. Austin and Rev. Willard, whose parts were taken respectively by Mr. Waggoner, Mr. Webster and Mr. Bromley. We knew that Mr. Waggoner was Sheldon Jackson for he was wearing the customary frock coat, hip boots, spectacles and proper whiskers! Mr. Swanson, Mr. Greig and Mr. Pederson who arrived in the boat were bewhiskered to represent S. Hall Young, Mr. Gould and Mr. McFarland.

From the gathering on the beach we all went into the church, where we witnessed a reenactment of the very first meeting of Presbytery and it was certainly interesting. Our students seemed to enjoy it and were unusually attentive, so many things were made clear to all our eyes.

In the evening all the members of our church as well as all Presbyterians from among the student group, attended a banquet in the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall. On the middle table was a lovely white, gold and green, four layer birthday cake with fifty tiny candles. After a delicious dinner we had many, many speeches in which the speakers told of early experiences with Dr. Jackson, S. Hall Young and others. There were six charter members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka present and also two of the original Elders. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience to hear one of these elders compare conditions in Alaska before the coming of Sheldon Jackson with conditions at present. "Then," he said, "all was darkness. People everywhere groping for the light. Dr. Jackson came a witness of the Light-- God's Light. Today we are more than thankful because of the Light."

The following evening Sheldon Jackson School played host at a reception. Many busy hands had transformed our auditorium into a delightfully attractive large room. Floor lamps; bouquets of lovely yellow daisies and calendulas; rockers and rugs, helped in the transformation. There were speeches on "Achievements of Mission Work in Alaska" and "What Would Sheldon Jackson be Doing Today?"; several musical numbers and a little dramatic skit presented by some of the older boys and girls which depicted Mrs. McFarland's coming to Wrangell.

At the church service on Sunday morning Rev. Waggoner delivered a splendid sermon on the challenging subject "Looking Forward to 1984." This was followed with the Lord's Supper, Rev. E. E. Bromley presiding. The young people had a fine Christian Endeavor service in the evening, under the leadership of Gibson Young, a graduate of Sheldon Jackson high school who is active in young people's work. The topic was "Looking Forward with Christ in Alaska." The series of inspirational gatherings closed that evening with a public meeting of Presbytery to consider goals for mission work in Alaska.

We have a splendid staff of teachers, strengthened by the recent arrival of several new workers: Miss Alice Cockett, Kitchen Supervisor has come to us from Portland, Oregon. She received her professional training at Albany College. Miss Jessie Lewis, whose home is in Pennsylvania, is our new nurse. This is a reappointment for Miss Lewis as she has served formerly under our Board of National Missions in New Mexico. Mr. Reginald Ludy, graduate of Coe College (Presbyterian), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is our new Boys' Director. Roland B. Wurster is another new worker from Oregon. He is a volunteer in service and has a special program of helping in the two boys' buildings, assisting Mr. Stuart in the Engineering Department and teaching two classes. Miss Marjorie Baronovitch, graduate of Sheldon Jackson School, class of 1934, is Assistant Kitchen Supervisor.

In the letter which we sent last May we told of breaking ground for the foundations of the new Recreation Building. Actual construction started June 4th, and the building is now nearly completed. We plan a formal opening on Alaska Day, October 18th. As the time approaches when we will actually begin use of this large covered play area, we are more than ever grateful for the jubilee gift from the women of Pennsylvania. The floor in the new building is of maple. It has been well laid and sanded and will provide for large groups of either boys or girls on the many rainy days during the coming winter and also during the coming years when students must play indoors.

This has been a great year for fishing in Alaska. We already have a record pack with a total of 7,234,227 cases of canned salmon reported to date. A few thousand more cases will be added during the late season in October. Our previous record was set in the war time year of 1918 when 6,677,569 cases were produced. This has been a good year too in the trolling industry. In fact, it has been most too good for the packers will no longer accept Cohoes and are taking only the Kings. Don't you wish you could buy a fine ten to fifteen pound Cohoe salmon freshly taken from salt water for thirty-five cents! They are fat and delicious! This week for our use during the coming winter we purchased one hundred and fifty-seven at this low price.

We are very grateful for the work and sacrifice of the many loyal members of our church and missionary societies, as it is only through such channels that support comes to make our work possible. It is a never ending joy and a constant privilege to be working for the Master here in Alaska. We solicit your earnest prayers that the program of our work among the young people gathered here now may prove fruitful during the present school year, and, in turn, may you receive many rich blessings as you continue your splendid work for the Kingdom.

Very sincerely yours,

SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL

Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska
March, 25, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
156, 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Friend:

Probably you don't remember me, but ~~in~~ the ^{girl} who came to see you in Mr. Yaws office, I was the second person.

I wish to express my thanks to you for helping me to really have Christ come into my life. I've tried praying like you told me & now it's much easier for me to pray, & to read & understand the bible.

You asked me to write you that you will send me a prayer book or something. I am anxious to get it, now that such a change has come

into my life.

I sure had a wonderful Easter. We had a sunrise service in which we had a chance to tell others of what Easter means to us, I couldn't get up enough courage to get up and say anything, but I hope some day I will be able to say what I want without fear.

I belong to the Russian Church & I am patiently waiting for thier Easter. I feel more like Easter I guess its because its so different.

I hear that Mr Yaw & the staff members are trying to get you to come up to Alaska again. Would you like to? I sure hope I'll still be here when you come up if you do. Because my home is up at Cook Inlet

and I don't think you'll come way up there. I have 2 more yrs of highschool to go & I believe I will still be here.

I'm sure most of the students miss you as much as I do, especially in Church and chapel.

I hope many more people young, & old, (those that haven't yet) may soon learn to feel the same towards, Christ and you as I do now.

Thank you again.

Your Friend,

Alice Oskolkoff

"One year"
"To 1967"

April 12, 1940

Miss Alice Oskolkoff
Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Alice:

You warmed my heart with your letter of March 25th, telling me more about your experiences.

I am so thankful and deeply grateful for the privilege that I had of meeting you and knowing you, and by the grace of God, of being some help to you. I shall always cherish the memories of my visit at Sheldon Jackson. I can never, and will never forget the bright and happy faces of you young folks.

I am sending you a copy of "Today". You will find in this little booklet a brief meditation for each day in the month. You will receive a copy of this little booklet each month for the next year. I want you to take it as my gift of appreciation for you and to you.

If there is any way that I can help, let me know, and I shall be happy to have you write me.

Sincerely yours,

EBK:E
enc.

P.S. The copy of "Today" is being sent to you under separate cover.

Helen Johnson
St. Ignace School

Sylaburg Alaska
June 12, 1940.

Dear Mr. King,

A poor excuse is better
than none at all, isn't it.
I hope you'll forgive me for
not writing sooner.

First I want to thank
you for the graduation gift.
The last weeks of school
certainly were busy days,
and yet I wouldn't mind
living all my high school
days over again.

Had come up for Commence-
ment week, which made
things brighter.

I don't mind being back

home at all, I miss my
classmates quite a lot tho.
I still can't get used to the
idea that I'll never see
some of them again. But one
can never tell what is
bound to happen next.

So far I have not heard
anything about my Scholarship
loan. Right now I'm just
eager to go to the Central
Washington College & Co. at Ellensburg
since Mary is sure that
she is going there. I've
also heard more about
it from my aunt.
It seems that I haven't
had a spare moment

since I've been home.

Tomorrow night Mary is
having a Birthday party - something
to look forward to.

I hope you'll have time to
write again.

Sincerely,

Josephine George

P.S.

Don't forget that picture
you promised me --

April 12, 1940

Miss Flora Meehan
Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Flora:

It was good to get your letter of March 25th, telling me about your new Easter experience. You made my heart rejoice within me. I consider it a high and holy privilege to have been associated with you young people during the week, and I can never forget the inspiration that you brought me in response to the appeal and to the challenge of the Christ. It has added a double note of joy to know how happy you are in your new decision and new life.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and at any time I can be of help, I hope you will not hesitate to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

EBK:E

Alaska

Sitka, Alaska

Apr. 30, 1940

Dear Dr. King,

Just about a week ago we ate the fourth big egg. Each one was better than the one before! You certainly gave us a good present. Thanks a million for each one.

We are all fine and so is the weather. I've been making May baskets for tomorrow and even if I can't hang one on your door I'll think of you and wish you were here.

Yesterday was field day on the campus. Nancy, Bunny + Marilyn ran a special 20 yd. race. Bunny won in "no time flat!"

Well there isn't much to say so I will close. Please write when you get time.)

Your friend
Helen

5/18/40

Dear Everett:

When Frances brought me this dollar I just had to ask her to write what she told me. So here it is. Ralph Waggoner sent her to us.

Conference was fine. Mr. Bromley has the STS for two weeks out visiting canneries, holding meetings and at least one D.V.B.S. Our Mr. Seeler is helping.

The school is empty now. Only excitement is tourists! Bob and I are thinking of fishing trips on the Idaho.

World events appear black indeed. How our hearts bleed for France. Why did England sleep so long? Let our faith live on. Righteousness must triumph. God rules in spite of man's misuse of might.

Yours sincerely
Les

Leslie W. Yaw

new file
Josephine George -

Dear Dr. King,

I thought maybe you'd be too busy to see me again before you leave, so I hope you won't mind the note.

Remember the handkerchief you asked me to make for you, well I started a new one, which won't be finished before you leave, - but it will follow you to New York.

I've been thinking about what I'd have you give me for Graduation. I've decided I'd like to have my hair curled. I was planning to earn that money. It would cost \$3.00.

I want to Thank You again for the way which you have cared for me. I know that I will be happy and I appreciate your friendship very much. Some day I hope to see you in New York.

Sincerely, yours.

Josephine George